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Inmates help Hot Springs daycare

Pierre, S.D. – A Hot Springs playground has a new feature, thanks in part to state prison inmates.

Inmates from the Rapid City Trusty Unit recently built an open shelter for the Tots-N-Toddlers day care center playground on the grounds of the Veterans Affairs Medical Center, as part of the Department of Corrections community service program.

The shelter was designed to provide shade for the youth that use the playground.

"This is a prime example of what our community service program is all about," said Darwin Weeldreyer, Community Service Director for the Department of Corrections. "Inmates are able to give back to and benefit the community, while providing a service to the taxpayers and complete a project that otherwise may not have been done."

Tots-N-Toddlers, a non-profit, self-supporting day care center is located on the grounds of the VA Medical Center and provides child care services to both employees of the center and to members of the Hot Springs community.

Inmates worked three days on the shelter project.

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Inmates working on the daycare shelter.



The completed daycare shelter.